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51st District #2 Integrating Committee Meeting Minutes

March 18, 1994 - 8:00 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners' Conference Room

Room 603, County Administration Building

Cincinnati, OH 45202

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brayshaw at 8:12 a.m. Messrs. Barfels and Mendes were the only Committee Members not present.

Support Staff present: Messrs. Pettit, Cottrill, Cline, Pickering, Bass and Schlimm. Cathy Concilla, District #2's Program Representative, was also present.

Chairman Brayshaw welcomed Mr. William Seitz to the Integrating Committee replacing Mrs. Wilma Berger, who resigned from the Committee at the conclusion of her term as Symmes Township Trustee. All present introduced themselves. The consensus of the Committee Members was to have the Chairman write a letter to Mrs. Berger expressing their gratitude for her serving on this Committee. Mr. Sykes said she deserves much credit for stepping down and allowing us to have the continuity because legally she could have remained on the Committee.

Mr. Crafts moved approval of the December 17, 1993 minutes; seconded by Mr. Sykes and passed unanimously.

A letter was received from Mr. R.S. Lambert stating his term as Commissioner on the OPWC was completed on January 13, 1994 and requested his name be removed from our notification list.

A letter was received from OPWC Chairman, David Wagner, requesting that each District select one to three people who are willing to give time to serve on the Ohio Public Works Commission's Public Awareness Committee. These people will be working to ensure the future of the State Capital Improvements Program (SCIP). Since the Commission had made the decision that the May primary was not the most opportune time to place this issue on the ballot, the Committee decided to wait until that time grew closer to see just who would be available and willing to get involved. Cathy Concilla said these people do not have to be members of the Integrating Committee.

Delhi Township wrote a letter requesting reallocation of SCIP funds. Mr. Bass commented that Delhi Township is requesting an increase of one grant agreement (Covedale West) while decreasing another (Chantilly Woods). They are not asking for any more money than originally rewarded. Mr. Crafts stated this is a satisfactory method of shifting funds from one project to another within the same jurisdiction, as long as no additional net funding is being requested from the District. He believes we should make it known to the other jurisdictions that the Committee would look favorably on requests involving similar circumstances. When a package of information is sent to all jurisdictions, this will be included.

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Mr. Crafts moved Delhi's request be granted; seconded by Mr. Seitz and passed unanimously.

Hamilton County made a request for additional \$358,000 in SCIP funding for the Kellogg Avenue Improvement Project. These additional funds, which are available in District 2's SCIP account, will raise the grant on this project to \$2,518,000, or 90% of the replacement cost. This amount would have been awarded to Hamilton County at the December meeting had the full amount been available. The \$2,160,000 originally awarded encumbered all SCIP funds actually available at that time. Since then, funding from closed-out projects have been returned to the District, thus permitting the increase to the originally requested amount. Granting the request will not depart from our long-standing policy of not awarding extra funding to a project once the Project Agreement has been executed. After discussion Mr. Crafts moved to approve the funding adjustment; seconded by Mr. Seitz and passed unanimously.

The City of Cincinnati applied for loan assistance funding. Mr. Cottrill has done a rating of this project and came up with a score of 65; that is the second highest score from Round 8. Since the amount that is being requested (\$710,429.00) is available in the Credit Enhancement/Loan Assistance category, the Support Staff recommended the Committee approve this application. Mr. Heile moved approval, seconded by Mr. Crafts and passed unanimously.

Mr. Cottrill explained the status reports and wanted comments from the Committee as to whether or not they like the new format.

Mr. Bass suggested giving the Committee a "Delinquent Project List". Mr. Crafts asked that the Committee receive a list of any project more than 90 days behind schedule. He also stated that he would like to know of any actions taken by OPWC regarding their attempts to keep projects moving. Chairman Brayshaw agreed, and asked the Support Staff to put together a letter to all jurisdictions advising them of our concern for delinquent projects. Mr. Cottrill will draft a letter and confer with Cathy Concilla before sending it out to make sure we are both advising jurisdictions of the same matters.

Brian Pickering asked if there was a way to get the same status information for Small Government projects. Mr. Cottrill said he would get that from the Small Government Commission. Mr. Sykes stated that Dave Kerns is very strict about terminating Small Government projects. (Chairman Brayshaw took this opportunity to announce that Mr. Sykes has officially been reappointed to the State Small Governments Capital Improvement Commission.)

Chairman Brayshaw asked if the first quarterly delinquent project status report could be ready for the April meeting. In addition, Mr. Crafts requested that the draft letter that will be sent to the jurisdictions over the Chairman's signature be reviewed at the April Meeting. Mr. Seitz thought it would be very helpful to have an explanation of project identifications on the spreadsheets.

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Since OPWC is getting more stringent as far as cancelling projects, Mr. Bass asked Cathy what methodology they use. She explained that the warning delinquent letters are sent directly to the CEO of the subdivision with a copy to the District. They are given 10 days to respond either verbally or in writing. They are still trying to work out some quirks in this process.

Mr. Cline brought up the subject of deficiencies in our rating system. By July, a rating system will have to be ready to be reviewed by OPWC for Round 9. Mr. Sykes also commented the Committee should discuss and come to some agreement as to how projects will be approved, particularly about possible limitations regarding maximum grant amounts and maximum awards to a single jurisdiction. These concerns will be placed on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Economic Health - Mr. Crafts recommended that the Support Staff consider a system that would simplify what we now have and use only Table I (per capita income) and Table II (property tax evaluation per capita), using the average of these as a method to measure economic health. He presented a chart he had prepared using that concept to show the differences in the ranking. The Support Staff was asked to review Mr. Crafts' proposal and make some recommendations at a future meeting about possible revisions in the current system.

No Small Governments Sub-Committee Report

No Old Business

No New Business

Next meeting date is April 15, 1994.

Chairman Brayshaw asked that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mr. Seitz and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Cornelius
Recording Secretary

cc: Support Staff

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Friday, March 18, 1994 - 8:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- 1.) Welcome to the newest member of the District #2 Integrating Committee, Mr. William Seitz, who is replacing Mrs. Wilma Berger. (Mrs. Berger's letter of resignation attached.)
- 2.) Approval of previous meeting's minutes. The December 17, 1993 minutes inadvertently indicated they were from the 51st District #2 Integrating Committee meeting when actually it was the 50th meeting.
- 3.) Letter from Mr. R. S. Lambert, concerning his term as a Commissioner of the OPWC.
- 4.) Letter from Mr. David Wagner, Chairman of the OPWC, concerning the renewal of the SCIP program.
- 5.) Letter from Delhi Township, requesting reallocation of SCIP funds on project numbers CB701 & CB715 (vote required).
- 6.) Letter from Hamilton County requesting additional funding for Kellogg Avenue project from Round 8 Allocation (vote required).
- 7.) Support Staff items:
 - (a) Recommendation for approval of a Credit Enhancement application from the City of Cincinnati, Round 8 Allocation (vote required).
 - (b) Review of Status Reports.
 - (c) Comments, questions, etc.
- 8.) Small Governments Sub-Committee report.
- 9.) Old Business
- 10.) New Business
- 11.) Next meeting date is Friday, April 15, 1994 (if necessary).
- 12.) Adjournment

